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SUBJ: WEEKEND TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO ARMS EMBARGO
DEVELOPMENTS

1. LOCAL STORIES, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN
SAKARYA, THE DEATH OF ATATURK'S FORMER WIFE, AND THE
STUDENT BOYCOTT AT METU, DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF
MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES SUNDAY AND MONDAY (JULY 13-14).
THERE WAS RELATIVELY LITTLE COVERAGE AND COMMENT
CONCERNING THE ARMS EMBARGO.

2. IN MONDAY EDITIONS, SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING GUNAYDIN
AND CUMHURIYET, PROMINENTLY CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS
OF A STATEMENT BY AN UNNAMED U.S. STATE DEPT OFFICIAL
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WHO SAID THE RESUMPTION OF ARMS DELIVERIES TO TURKEY

WOULD STRAIN U.S.-GREEK RELATIONS. BUT HE ADDED THAT GREECE WOULD BE THE COUNTRY MOST DAMAGED SHOULD TURKEY LEAVE THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND ALIGN HERSELF WITH THE SOVIET UNION. GUNAYDIN ALSO CARRIED ANOTHER WIRE SERVICE STORY THAT, ACCORDING TO DEPT OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS, 185 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY SUPPLIES WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE TO TURKEY IF CONGRESS LIFTS THE EMBARGO.

3. IN OTHER COVERAGE, MILLIYET SUNDAY CARRIED AN INTERVIEW BY CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN WITH ASST SECRETARY OF STATE ARTHUR HARTMAN, WHO DECLARED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION FRIDAY WAS "A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION." IN MONDAY EDITIONS, MILLIYET CARRIED ANOTHER KOHEN INTERVIEW -- THIS ONE WITH REPRESENTATIVE BRADEMANS -- WHO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE EMBARGO WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND THAT RESTORING ARMS SHIPMENTS WOULD NOT CHANGE TURKEY'S ATTITUDE ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

4. SUNDAY'S MILLIYET, IN A BRIEF, UNATTRIBUTED REPORT ON PAGE 11, SAID THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE STILL DISCUSSING THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" TO BE IMPOSED ON UJMS. INSTALLATIONS JULY 17. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET, CLOSING COME BASES OR CHARGING RENT ARE AMONG THE ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED.

5. MILLIYET ALSO CARRIED LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM AN ELECTION SPEECH IN SAKARYA BY RPP LEADER BULENT ECEVIT. THE SPEECH DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH LOCAL ISSUES, BUT TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE EMBARGO QUESTION. THESE COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT HIGHLIGHTED IN PRESS TREATMENT.

6. IN COMMENTARY OVER THE WEEKEND, FORMER PRIME MINISTER Nihat Erim, Writing in Gunaydin, Declared That American Foreign Policy Has Changed Since 1947 and the Cyprus Issue May Merely Have Been a Pretext for Fading Arms Aid to Turkey. Erim Urged That the Turkish Government and Parliament Carefully Assess U.S. Policy to Determine if Turkey's Path Has Diverged from Americas.

7. Writing in Conservative Tercuman, Columnist Zafer Atay Declared That Turkey Does Not Have Adequate Resources to

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PURCHASE THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO MEET HER NATO COMMITMENTS. "IN SHORT," SAID ATAY, "THE NEW SITUATION IS NOTHING BUT A SOFTENED VERSION OF AMERICA'S ENMITY..."
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